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In re the Application of

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For: DRIVING METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ELECTRO-OPTIC ELEMENT, AND
ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the July 26, 2004 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species I, directed to an electro-optic driving method/device having a plurality of first and second subfield periods included in a single frame, and having the electro-optic element switched ON in the boundary regardless of grayscale data (see *First Embodiment*; Figures 1-10 & 13a; Paragraphs 54-102; with traverse).

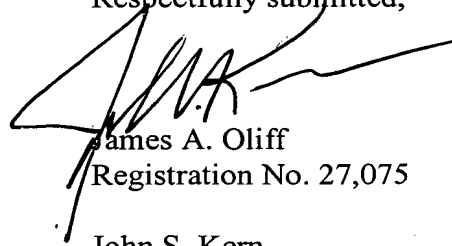
At least claims 1, 2, 5, 12, 13, 30 and 33 read on the species.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits,

even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Election of Species Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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